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SUBJECT: PPSU DETAIL - BUENOS AIRES

1. EMBASSY INTENDS TO REDUCE PPSU DETAIL BY ATTRITION. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE FIVE MARINES ASSIGNED PPSU DUTY IN BUENOS AIRES. SSGT ROBINSON, ASSIGNED NOV. 76, DUE FOR TRANSFER JUNE 78. SGT. ROBINSON, AFTER 90 DAY FAMILIARIZATION PERIOD, TOOK OVER COMMAND OF PPSU DETAIL. HE RELIEVED SGT. J.D. DOOLEY WHO ARRIVED JAN 76 AND IS DUE TO DEPART IN DEC. 77.

2. ASSISTANT PPSU DETAIL LEADER IS SSGT. R. D. LEIGH WHO ARRIVED OCT. 76 AND IS DUE TO DEPART IN SEPT. 77. THE OTHER TWO PPSU MARINES ARE SSGT D. TRIGLIA WHO ARRIVED NOV. 76 AND IS DUE TO DEPART JUNE 78, AND L/CPL R. E. RISINGER WHO ARRIVED JULY 76 AND IS DUE TO DEPART NOV. 78. THE SIXTH MEMBER OF THE DETAIL WAS SGT. BRICKLEY WHO WAS TRANSFERRED TO STOCKHOLM IN MAY 77.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THERE ARE THREE PPSU TRAINED MARINES WHO ARE PRESENTLY SERVING AS WATCHSTANDERS AND WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO BUENOS AIRES AS REPLACEMENT FOR WATCHSTANDERS. SGT. D. L. BISHOP WAS ASSIGNED FROM BEIRUT TO REPLACE SGT ARCAND WHO DEPARTED END JAN 77. SGT. C. E. GLENN
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WAS ASSIGNED FROM BEIRUT TO REPLACE SGT. BENDEL WHO DEPARTED MAR. 30, 1977. CPL. W. H. PARKER WAS ASSIGNED FROM BEIRUT TO BUENOS AIRES TO FILL A TO VACANCY (SEE MESSAGE R 182230Z FEB 77). THE ABOVE THREE MARINES DO NOT AND HAVE NOT PULLED PPSU DUTY AT THIS POST. THEY FUNCTION AS WATCHSTANDERS.

4. RSO INTENDS TO REDUCE PPSU DETAIL BY ATTRITION. SGT. LEIGH IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE IN SEPT. 77 AND SGT. DOOLEY IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART DEC. 77; HOWEVER, DOOLEY REQUESTS RE-ASSIGNMENT PRIOR TO THAT TIME. BY DEC. THE DETAIL WOULD BE REDUCED TO THREE PPSU. THE PERIOD BETWEEN JUNE AND DEC. PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CAREFUL SELECTION OF FEDERAL POLICE WITH ENGLISH CAPABILITY. BY DEC. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETELY REPLACE PPSU DETAIL IF THE SECURITY SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE AT ITS PRESENT RATE, WHICH WE BELIEVE IT WILL.

5. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE RECEIVED AN ORDER REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF SSGT. ROBINSON AND SSGT TRIGILIA BY JUNE 5. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE PPSU TO THREE WHICH IS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED IN BUENOS AIRES 3781, NOR WOULD IT BE PRUDENT TO SPEND TIME BREAKING IN THE PPSU TRAINED WATCHSTANDERS FROM BEIRUT TO FUNCTION AS PPSU HERE. THIS WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THAT WE OBTAIN REPLACEMENTS FOR THEM AS WTACHSTANDERS. THE MORE SENSIBLE APPROACH IS TO CANCEL THE TRANSFER ORDERS FOR ROBINSON AND TRIGLIA AND TO ALLOW A TRUE REDUCTION THROUGH THE ATTRITION WE HAVE DESCRIBED. AS THE TRANSFER ACTIONS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, WE REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT IN FREEZING THE TRANSFER ACTION. CHAPLIN

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